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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA PRIORITY

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TAGS: ETRN, CG, US

SUBJECT: RECRUITMENT OF US ENGINEER

REF: KINSHASA 1848 AND 2271

1. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED ONE CANDIDATE WHO IS INTERESTED IN POSITION AND WHO WOULD APPEAR TO POSSESS ALL NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS. HE IS JAMES WISE, CIVIL ENGINEER ( UNIV OF SOUTHERN CAL) WHO HAS HELD NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ENGINEERING POSITIONS IN USG AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY. WISE IS IN HIS MID- FIFTIES AND HIS EXPERIENCE IS IMPRESSIVE. CURRICULUM VITAE BEING POUCHED BUT FOLLOWING SUGGESTS HE MORE THAN MEETS POSITION DESCRIPTION:

A) 1970 -- PRESENT: ENGINEERING MGR OF DATRAN ( DATA TRANSMISSION CO)

B) 1966-1970 -- ENGINEERING CONSULTANT. FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ROADS, AIRFIELDS, UTILITY SYSTEMS POWER PLANTS, AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS IN TURKEY, LEBANON, THAILAND, VIETNAM, ETC.

C) 1964-65 -- SPEC ASSISTANT TO ASSIST SECDEF FOR NATO AFFAIRS: PREPARATION OF ENGINEERING STUDIES FOR NATO

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D) 1962-64: DIRECTOR FOR TECH OPERATIONS TO ASSIST SECDEF (GS-17).

E) 1953-61: HEAD OF CONSTRUCTION FOR AIRFIELDS, NAVAL BASES, MISSILE INSTALLATION AND PROTECTIVE FACILITIES FOR NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF HQS, PARIS. DUTIES INCLUDED PLANNING, DESIGN, AND ENGINEERING SUPERVISION OF NATO WORKS FROM TURKEY TO NORWAY.

F) 1951-53: DEPUTY FOR CONSTRUCTION TO SECRETARY FOR AIR FORCE.

G) 1940-48: US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS-- DIRECTING ENGINEER ON AIR BASE AND PORT CONSTRUCTION THROUGHOUT ALASKA AND NORTH PACIFIC ISLANDS.

H) WISE IS REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER AND APPEARS IN "WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA" (MARQUIS 32 ND EDITION). HE AND HIS WIFE SPEAK FRENCH.

2. WISE COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. HE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH AF/ C FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM BUSINESS TRIP IN NEXT FEW DAYS AND WE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO HIM PERSONALLY FOR FIRST TIME. HE MAY RAISE SALARY QUESTION AND IN THAT EVENT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE SOME INDICATION OF WHAT EKETEBI'S THOUGHTS ARE ON SALARY. ALSO WHAT ADDITIONAL BENEFITS THE POSITION BRINGS.

3. AT SAME TIME, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. NAVY DEPT HAS INCLUDED JOB DESCRIPTION IN CIRCULAR WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED COMING MONTH TO ALL US NAVY INSTALLATIONS BUT UNFORTUNATELY WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ASSESS RESULTS UNTIL MID- APRIL. AID OFFICIALS HERE ARE CONTINUING TO TAP THEIR PROFESSIONAL CHANNELS AND WE WILL HAVE CLEARER PICTURE OF WHAT THAT WILL YIELD WITHIN NEXT SEVEN DAYS. ROGERS

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